

Memorandum

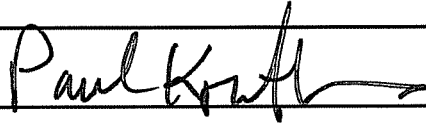
TO: COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Betsy Shotwell

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: November 3, 2009

Approved



Date

11/10/09

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF RELEVANT 2010 LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

RECOMMENDATION

1. Review and discussion of the draft 2010 relevant Legislative Guiding Principles with focus on community and economic development.
2. Cross-reference this item on the December 1, 2009 City Council agenda in order to allow time for the Rules and Open Government Committee to review all of the Council Committees' input in December.

OUTCOME

Input from the Community and Economic Development Committee will be incorporated into the 2010 Legislative Guiding Principles and after additional Committees' review in November, the document will be forwarded to the Rules and Open Government Committee and the City Council for adoption in December. The Legislative Guiding Principles represents a framework for organizing the City's legislative interests and the 2010 document will continue to reflect the approach approved by the City Council each year since 2007. Key to the foundation of our legislative strategy are the City Council's five priorities including:

- Regain our status as the safest big city in America;
- Eliminate the structural budget deficit;
- Reduce deferred maintenance and the infrastructure backlog and develop a strategy to improve the infrastructure;
- Increase economic vitality;
- Provide full funding for parks, pools, community centers and libraries.

In addition, advocacy for those measures that support the City's efforts to thrive as an environmentally sustainable city is critical.

BACKGROUND

The Community and Economic Development Committee work plan for August-December 2009 included the scheduling of relevant Legislative Guiding Principles for 2010 for review and comment. This review allows for a more thorough discussion of legislative principles by Council Committees to advance City policies.

City Service Areas (CSAs) developed legislative principles that have been consolidated into the City's Legislative Guiding Principles. The attached 2010 draft document with tracked changes included in the document will continue to serve as the City's legislative values statement and provide a framework for formulating City-sponsored legislation and directing the City's support, opposition, or co-sponsoring of state and federal legislation. The significance of developing each year citywide legislative guiding principles is that the City clearly articulates values with respect to legislative activities. .

Concurrent to the development of 2010 Legislative Guiding Principles, staff is also developing legislative and federal appropriation priorities for 2010. Following the outcome of the Congressional appropriations cycle for this session, and the end of the first year of the two-year legislative session in Sacramento, staff will be reporting out a set of 2010 Legislative Priorities consisting of actionable issues of high priority for the City. The recommended 2010 Legislative Guiding Principles and Priorities will be forwarded to the Rules and Open Government Committee and the City Council for adoption in 2009 with additional Appropriation priorities forwarded to the Rules and Open Government Committee and City Council in 2009 or early 2010.

The establishment of Legislative Priorities will result in actionable items that are clearly defined and measurable, with performance outcomes reported to Council. The result of this effort is to produce quantifiable progress in the City's legislative performance and to establish clear areas where performance can be evaluated and/or adjusted.

ANALYSIS

To assist the City in improving and enhancing the quality of urban life for our residents, the guiding principles that have been recommended to be revised and/or added to the draft 2010 Legislative Guiding Principles to advance these interests are indicated in the attached.

The community and economic development principles recommended to be included or revised in the 2010 Legislative Guiding Principles fall under the following categories:

A. Protect Local Control

11. (New) Protect the City's ability to enforce and maintain rent control in mobilehome parks.

B. (New underlined). Ensure Region's Competitiveness Through Strategic Economic Development

4. (Revised) Encourages innovation, spurs demand and removes barriers to consumer adoption of clean technologies and sustainable products.

12. (New) Improve the federal government's housing and social service funding formulas, which rely too much on poverty indexes as determiners of "need." This places San Jose and other high-cost regions at a competitive disadvantage for critical housing, community development, and social service program dollars.

D. Pursue Federal and State Funding for Key Efforts

(New/revised) In order to support the City's efforts and key policies to provide quality services, affordable housing, transportation, and public infrastructure for its residents, it is necessary that the federal and State governments act as partners and provide appropriate levels of funding for these City and regional efforts.

(New/revised)

1. Protect and enhance current sources of federal funding that promote the creation of affordable housing. Specifically, continue the efforts begun under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which helped to boost and expand the use of federal and State Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

2. Create and continue vital federal funding to communities' efforts to end chronic homelessness. Including more dollars for the Emergency Shelter Grant, HOPWA, McKinney-Vento, and Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers programs, and continuation of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) program.

3. Fully fund the HOME, CDBG Programs and protect these programs from adverse changes to the funding formula which may disadvantage San Jose and other high-cost, west coast jurisdictions.

4. Support legislation that provides more dollars to local governments or agencies to provide foreclosure assistance to help protect tenants from evictions, maintain bank-owned or blighted properties, provide more flexibility for high-cost areas to purchase and re-sale foreclosed properties, and funding to keep homebuyers in their homes and avoid foreclosures.

16. (Revised in bold) Provide rewards in the form of funding for transportation, affordable housing, **parks and other infrastructure** to communities that have the largest share of Regional Housing Need Allocations (RHNA).

19. (New/revised) Support the creation of new permanent sources of funding for affordable housing in complete communities at both the State and federal levels.

- *Background:* As we add affordable housing into our city as infill development, sustainability also means “complete communities” that need a whole package of amenities to go with the density. In addition to providing more sources of funds and rewards for affordable housing, and high density housing, the State and federal government should also recognize that there needs to be funding sources for planning for the complete package community including: mixed use/employment, open spaces/parks/plazas, and pedestrian amenities.

E. Preserve Redevelopment as a Tool for City Revitalization

5. (New) Oppose State efforts to divert funding from the Low-and Moderate Income Housing funds (or 20% Set-Aside).

F. Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection

1. (Revised) Advances initiatives and secures funding to address climate change, and supports San Jose’s Green Vision efforts to become a Sustainable City, through Green Building initiatives, pollution prevention practices, water, waste and energy efficiency, and regional state and global initiatives (e.g. Urban Environmental Accords).

7. (New) Maintains the effectiveness and flexibility of housing and community development efforts by both increasing the Section 8 Voucher Program and continuing flexibility of the Moving to Work program.

8. (New) Support legislation that seeks to protect the community and residents from certain reverse annuity mortgages or specialized loan products that place seniors or persons with limited English skills in danger of foreclosures.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- ☐ **Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater.

(Required: Website Posting)

- ☐ **Criteria 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**

- ☐ **Criteria 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

By providing this document to the Community and Economic Development Committee in November, prior to review by the Rules and Open Government Committee and adoption by the City Council, this document will be posted on the City's website with the Community and Economic Development Committee's November 23, 2009 meeting agenda and interested public will have additional time to review the draft 2010 Legislative Guiding Principles as proposed/revised in this memorandum.

COORDINATION

This memo was coordinated with the Community and Economic Development CSA, the City Attorney's Office, the City's Legislative Representative in Sacramento, and the City's federal lobbyist in Washington, D.C., Patton Boggs, LLP

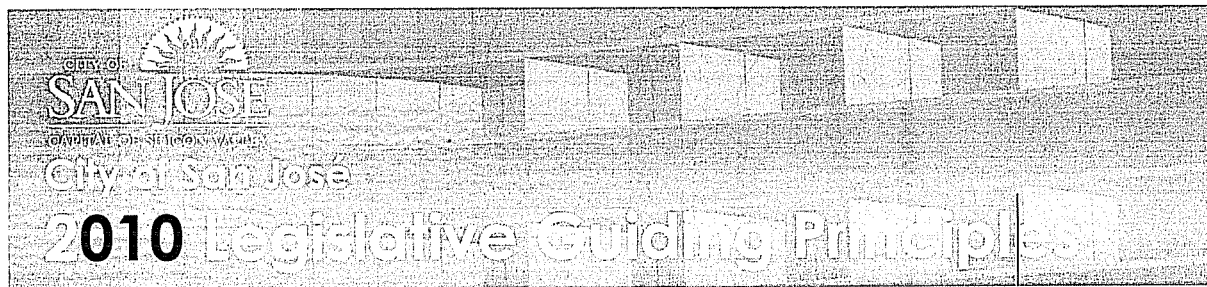
POLICY ALIGNMENT

The 2010 Legislative Guiding Principles will further the City's legislative policy goals and form the foundation of the City's efforts to work with our federal and State partners on issues of concern and interest to the City.



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Director, Intergovernmental Relations

Attachment: City of San Jose 2010 Legislative Guiding Principles document with tracked changes.
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San José, the "Capital of Silicon Valley" and county seat of Santa Clara County, is the third largest city in California, tenth largest in the nation and home to a population of **1,007,000** residents. While San José and Silicon Valley are largely associated with the technology industry, the City's business profile is diverse and healthy with the presence of robust commercial, retail, industrial, professional and service businesses and a thriving clean technology sector. The City is proud of the cultural and ethnic diversity of its population and workforce and the rich cultural identity of its many neighborhoods. City residents speak more than 52 different languages. San José ranks first in the nation in terms of the number of college graduates per capita.

The City of San José is often recognized as a leader in municipal services, economic prosperity, and for its quality of life. This reputation is, in part, a result of City government's ability to influence regional, state and national policies that impact service delivery.

Over the past years, the City of San José has experienced continuous growth in residential population. This has presented significant public policy challenges related to the municipal services that the City provides and the ability to respond effectively to changing needs. The challenge of effectively responding to emerging trends with informed policy and legislative initiatives will continue to increase, along with the complexity of the issues and diverse expectations from residents and the change in the Federal Administration. This document highlights the City's legislative guiding principles; together with the City's legislative priorities, they form the basis of the City's efforts to work with our federal and State partners. This document is organized by the following legislative guiding principles:

- **Protect Local Control**

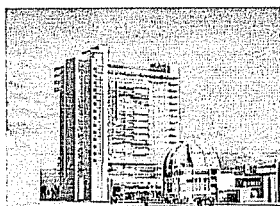
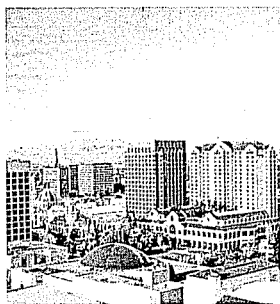
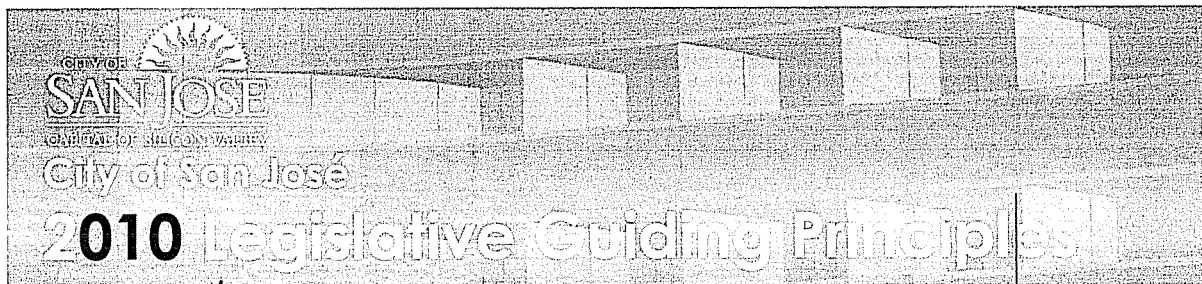
The City values its ability to exercise local control, enable excellent public services and protect and enhance the quality of life for San José residents. The City supports local control efforts to streamline regulations that simplify the job of running the City.

- **Ensure Region's Competitiveness Through Strategic Economic Development**

The City embraces efforts to obtain funding for economic development and environmental initiatives, including planning and implementation of regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects, the creation of affordable housing, and the creation of a Clean Technology economic sector.

- **Protect and Increase Local Funding; No Unfunded Mandates**

Oppose legislation, policies, or budgets that have negative impacts on City services, revenues or costs.



- Pursue Federal and State Funding for Key Efforts

In order to support the City's efforts and key policies to provide quality services, affordable housing, transportation, and public infrastructure for its residents, it is necessary that the federal and State governments act as partners and provide appropriate levels of funding for these City and regional efforts.

- Preserve Redevelopment as a Tool for Revitalization

The City supports legislation and policies that maintain the local autonomy of the Redevelopment Agency and protect the Agency's flexibility to use redevelopment funds, while opposing efforts to limit or divert the use of redevelopment funds (including 20% funds) or any diversion of redevelopment funds by the State.

- Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection

The City values a sustainable quality of life in an urban environment, including child care, aging and youth services, urban parks and open space, recreation facilities, environmental protection, climate protection, vibrant libraries, arts and culture. The City supports legislation and policies that emphasize sustainable development; improve environmental standards and the regulatory process; provide incentives and financial measures for preservation of natural resources; promote sustainable energy policies; and are consistent with the Green Vision.

- Support Efforts to Keep San José Safe

The City supports legislation and policies that enable local officials to access resources to provide quality police, fire, emergency management, and emergency medical services to the community.

- Promote Investment in Infrastructure Maintenance and Rehabilitation

The City supports legislation and policies that promote investing in the rehabilitation of aging utility infrastructure and system capacity expansion to support smart growth principles.

Under these Guiding Principles the City's Legislative Activities for 2010 Include:

A. Protect Local Control

The City values its ability to exercise local control, enable excellent public services and protect and enhance the quality of life for San José residents. The City supports local control efforts to streamline regulations that simplify the job of running the City.

Specifically, the City supports efforts, legislation, and policies that:

1. Protect local government revenues by maintaining local authority over the collection of fees and generation of revenues.
2. Reward cities that routinely provide their fair share of housing, while relieving them of slow, unnecessary, or unproductive regulatory review.
3. Allow greater local control regarding the location and permitting of group homes, while ensuring reasonable accommodations to the disabled.
4. Protect the rights of cities to manage local integrated waste management facilities, programs, and materials.
5. Promote the ability of cities, in the area of telecommunications, to have control over the collection of fees and raising of revenues through franchise agreements.
6. Protect local decision making in relation to transportation and land-use decisions. Maintain local land-use authority.
7. Result in an appropriate risk balance between construction contractors and the City, thus enabling the highest return for capital improvement dollars while making San José an attractive source of contracting work.
8. Promote a regulatory environment that allows and encourages cities to implement innovative programs to achieve local, state, and national environmental goals.
9. Oppose legislation that reduces the authority and/or ability of local government to determine how best to

effectively operate local programs, services and activities.

10. Oppose legislation that would bypass agency regulatory rulemaking processes to impose national public safety staffing standards and/or response times on airports.
11. Protect the City's ability to enforce and maintain rent control in mobilehome parks.
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B. Ensure Region's Competitiveness Through Strategic Economic Development

The City embraces efforts to obtain funding for economic development and environmental initiatives, including planning and implementation of regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects, the creation of affordable housing, and the creation of a Clean Technology economic sector.

The City supports efforts, legislation, and policies that:

1. Provide resources and incentives for workforce training, job creation, small business development, and research and development, especially for green jobs.
2. Give more flexibility to Workforce Investment Boards and enable WIBs to target services according to local needs.
3. Oppose policies that undermine San José's competitiveness and the City's revenue base, or that adversely impact San José-based businesses.
4. Encourage innovation, spur demand and remove barriers to consumer adoption of clean technologies and sustainable products.
5. Improve methods of assessment, collection and allocation of local revenues, and oppose efforts that threaten the sources and flexibility of existing revenues.
6. Support the implementation of the San José International Airport Terminal Area Improvement Program, a \$1.5 billion capital development program to improve airport facilities in two phases.
7. Support legislation that allows for the flexible use or repayment of local agency funds to advance key infrastructure issues.

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8. Support legislation that encourages and/or enhances economic development and additional air service at airports.
9. Support legislation to capture appropriate tax revenues from airline a la carte pricing to support the federal Airport and Aviation Trust Fund.
10. Oppose legislation that limits or eliminate the ability of airports to collect existing fees for air and ground services that benefit the public.
11. Support legislation that temporarily or permanently exempts airport bonds from the Alternative Minimum Tax.
12. Improve the federal government's housing and social service funding formulas, which rely too much on poverty indices as determiners of "need." This places San Jose and other high-cost regions at a competitive disadvantage for critical housing, community development, and social service program dollars.

C. Protect and Increase Local Funding; No Unfunded Mandates

Oppose legislation, policies, or budgets that have negative impacts on City services, revenues or costs. The City supports efforts, legislation, and policies that:

1. Ensure that mandated programs are linked to funding to offset the local costs.
2. Support the cost of public safety overtime associated with federal actions and mandates, including changes in Homeland Security alert color codes.
3. Promote policies that provide a more sustainable and cost-effective delivery of workers' compensation benefits for injured City employees.
4. Provide State funding and efforts that strengthen the monitoring of sex offenders.
5. Ensure sufficient funding for security efforts, and law enforcement including funding for staffing, facilities, training and equipment
6. Support State and Federal transportation funding mechanisms and support legislation to reduce the approval of taxes for transportation and infrastructure funding measures to less than two-thirds majority.
7. Support policies that incorporate the costs of recycling, and disposal of products and

materials to producers and users, and encourage re-design of products to be less toxic, more easily recycled, and more durable/repairable.

8. Support State and Federal aviation legislation, policies, funding, mechanisms and activities with the objective of:
 - Securing funding that will support the Terminal Area Improvement Program;
 - Improving airport safety, security and convenience;
 - Increasing the Passenger Facility Charges (PFC) ceiling rate;
 - Maintaining and increasing funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP);
 - Allowing airports greater flexibility in the use of locally-generated revenues, PFC's and AIP funding; and
 - Ensuring federal capital and operating programs are funded by stable and predictable revenue streams

9. Support legislation creating a Passengers Bill of Rights provided it does not result in a transfer of responsibility from airlines to airports and/or impose unfunded mandates on the airport.

10. Pursue and support legislative efforts that curb and/or control the escalating cost of employer provided healthcare.

11. Reduce legal barriers to establishment of assessment districts.

D. Pursue Federal and State Funding for Key Efforts

In order to support the City's efforts and key policies to provide quality services, affordable housing, transportation, and public infrastructure for its residents, it is necessary that the federal and State governments act as partners and provide appropriate levels of funding for these City and regional efforts.

1. Protect and enhance current sources of federal funding that promote the creation of affordable housing. Specifically, continue the efforts begun under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which helped to boost and expand the use of federal and State Low-Income Housing Tax Credits,

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3. Fully fund the HOME, CDBG Programs and protect these programs from adverse changes to the funding formula which may disadvantage San Jose and other high-cost, west coast jurisdictions.
4. Support legislation that provides more dollars to local governments or agencies to provide foreclosure assistance to help protect tenants from evictions, maintain bank-owned or blighted properties, provide more flexibility for high-cost areas to purchase and re-sale foreclosed properties, and funding to keep homebuyers in their homes and avoid foreclosures.
5. Seek funding for storm water Best Management Practices in parks and open space facilities.
6. Preserve and pursue California's and San José's share of federal and State transportation funding, for planning and implementation of State and regional transportation and traffic congestion relief projects.
7. Provide transportation investment to preserve existing facilities, support multimodal travel and enhance community livability.
8. Seek funding to ensure sustainable long-term water supplies, including recycled water projects and park facilities.
9. Seek funding for the development, operations and maintenance of a balanced parks and recreation system to serve the residents of San Jose.
10. Seek federal and state funding for the build out of the City's Green Vision Goal #10 of 100 miles of interconnected trails.
11. Support legislation that allows for the further development of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens as a key central park and economic development driver for the City.
12. Provide funding for library construction activities and enhanced library services.
13. Enable the construction of high quality child care centers and improve the professional development and training of early childhood educators.
14. Support authorization efforts of the Federal Transportation bill that include flexibility for

local agencies, and key themes from the Transportation for Tomorrow report including: maintaining the current transportation system (Fix-It-First), metropolitan mobility (Urban priority), highway safety, energy security, and investments in Intercity and High-Speed Rail.

15. Support efforts to maintain and increase transportation investment through activities such as, increasing the gas tax, expanding user pricing, VMT fees, transportation as utilities, and Public Private Partnerships.
16. Provide rewards in the form of funding for transportation, affordable housing, parks and other infrastructure to communities that have the largest share of Regional Housing Need Allocations (RHNA)
17. Promote California's High-Speed Rail project, which includes an approved southern gateway alignment through the Pacheco Pass into San Jose and support federal and state activities that will advance California's project including the Diridon Station and San Jose to San Francisco segment.
18. Support efforts that promote BART, automated airport transit access, roadway/interchange improvements, bikeways and pedestrian enhancements.
19. Support the creation of new permanent sources of funding for affordable housing in complete communities at both the State and federal levels.
20. Increase California's conforming loans and FHA multifamily loan limits and regain San Jose's designation as a Difficult Development Area (DDA) in order to provide maximum funding and housing opportunities for San Jose residents and other high-cost areas.
21. Restore Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding to assist with purchase of necessary equipment to perform law enforcement functions.

E. Preserve Redevelopment as a Tool for City Revitalization

The City supports legislation and policies that maintain the local autonomy of the Redevelopment Agency and protect the Agency's flexibility to use redevelopment funds, while opposing efforts to limit or divert the use of redevelopment funds (including 20% funds) or any diversion of redevelopment funds by the State.

1. Oppose efforts to limit the reasonable use of eminent domain in the implementation of the City's redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization.
2. Oppose efforts to reduce the powers of redevelopment agencies to reduce blight and improve our neighborhoods.
3. Support efforts to increase flexibility with respect to the Agency's construction processes.
4. Oppose efforts that would eliminate or curtail the Agency's efforts to assist businesses, create and retain jobs through the Enterprise Zone Program.
5. Oppose State efforts to divert funding from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Funds (or 20% Housing Set-Aside).

F. Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection

The City values a sustainable quality of life in an urban environment, including child care, aging and youth services, urban parks and open space, recreation facilities, environmental protection, climate protection, vibrant libraries, arts and culture. The City supports legislation and policies that emphasize sustainable development; improve environmental standards and the regulatory process; provide incentives and financial measures for preservation of natural resources; promote sustainable energy policies; and are consistent with the Green Vision.

The City supports legislation that promotes livability, sustainable development, and environmental protection that:

1. Advances initiatives and secures funding to address climate change, and supports San Jose's Green Vision efforts to become a Sustainable City, through Green Building Initiatives, pollution prevention practices, water, waste and energy efficiency, and regional, state and global initiatives (e.g., Urban Environmental Accords.),
2. Enacts Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) statewide and nationally.
3. Protects the environment through conservation and, preservation of natural

resources, habitat, and improving the health of local watersheds.

4. Expands and maintains the City's system of trails and recreational facilities.
5. Streamlines the CEQA process, to promote infill and high-density housing and employment near public transportation or corridors.
6. Promotes research, development, production and procurement of environmentally preferable goods, services, and transportation.
7. Maintains the effectiveness and flexibility of housing and community development efforts by both increasing the Section 8 Voucher Program and continuing flexibility of the Moving to Work program.
8. Seeks to protect the community and residents from certain reverse annuity mortgages or specialized loan products that place seniors or persons with limited English skills in danger of foreclosures.
9. Supports Source Reduction and increased recycling and composting in order to achieve Zero Waste.
10. Supports efforts that provide greater flexibility for the successful delivery of transportation projects including innovative project management tools, as well as environmental streamlining.
11. Provides funding for transportation, parks and other infrastructure that supports infill and higher density housing and employment, as well as Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).
12. Provides funding for programs that promote health and wellness, increase access to local organic foods, increase physical activity and ensure proper nutrition and nutrition services to improve seniors' and children's individual health.
13. Provides funding for the preservation of open space and the acquisition of parkland in park deficient and low-income communities.
14. Facilitates collaboration between cities and schools to increase community use of facilities.
15. Promotes access to affordable health care for seniors and youth.
16. Promotes user-pays policies as they relate to costs associated with handling, recycling, and disposal of hazardous and/or universal waste materials.

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17. Supports state and federal incentives that foster energy innovations including energy efficiency, smart grid, clean renewable energy, energy conversion and storage technological development.
18. Promotes Housing Element reform and addresses regional planning and land-use issues of concern to San José.
19. Addresses infrastructure improvements in mobilehome parks that serve low-income households.
20. Maintains a city's ability to manage the location of growth, such as Urban Growth Boundaries and other techniques.
21. Promotes San Jose as a national leader of Parks and Recreation in cultivating healthy communities through quality programs and dynamic public spaces.
22. Provides funding for sports, aquatics and other recreational facilities and programs.
23. Promotes and provides funding for the creation and, operations and maintenance of new and existing parks, urban open spaces and recreation facilities.
24. Provides funding for improvements and restoration of aging infrastructure in the regional parks.
25. Seeks Federal and State funding to ensure the continued provision of recreation based services to children, youth, adults and persons with disabilities.
4. Provide ongoing support for proposals related to interoperability of voice/data communications systems for Police and Fire.
5. Increase prevention and intervention based recreation services that deter gang involvement and involve youth in positive alternatives.
6. Promote transportation safety and security for all modes including traffic calming within neighborhoods, safe routes to school for children, and increase local authority to set effective traffic control practices on local streets.
7. Provide innovative funding sources to increase enforcement and safety measures on local streets as well as provides funding to provide transportation safety education.
8. Promote technologies that provide for the increased safety of road users including, pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers.
9. Increase resources that effectively address and assist individuals impacted by domestic violence through prevention, education, and intervention programs and services.
10. Further deploy a nationwide 700 MHz Interoperability Public Safety Broadband Network to ensure multi-jurisdiction communication that is paramount to sustaining public confidence and quick recovery during a time of crisis.

G. Support Efforts to Keep San José Safe

The City supports legislation and policies that enable local officials to access resources to provide quality police, fire, emergency management, and emergency medical services to the community.

Support legislation and policies that:

1. Provide opportunities for community policing and public safety education programs.
2. Secure or protect ongoing funding for Homeland Security efforts to enable the City, as a local first responder, to effectively respond to all forms of emergencies.
3. Ensure that San José receives a proportionate share of funding for public safety/security initiatives.

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H. Promote Investment in Infrastructure Maintenance and Rehabilitation

The City supports legislation and policies that promote investing in the rehabilitation of aging utility infrastructure and system capacity expansion to support smart growth principles. Ideally such legislation would:

1. Promote legislation and policies that increase local control of utility infrastructure.
2. Fund infrastructure, construction, repair and replacement of flood control and storm drainage systems, potable and recycled water systems, sanitary sewer systems, and waste water treatment facilities in all areas of San Jose including redevelopment areas.
3. Seek funding to ensure sustainable long-term water supplies, including recycled water projects.
4. Ensure adequate funding of Water Pollution Control Plant infrastructure needs.
5. Encourage public utility companies to prioritize and efficiently maintain and construct underground projects.
6. Enable the development and protection of transportation funding for the maintenance and operations of local streets, trails and roads.
7. Provide funding for improvements and restoration of aging infrastructure in the regional parks.

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